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25. (Original) A control program for causing a computer to execute the method of controlling a portable storage device as claimed in claim 24.

Remarks

Claims 18-25 now remain pending in this application for which applicant seeks reconsideration.

Amendment

Claims 1-17 are cancelled.

The examiner has indicated that claims 18-20 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claim 18 has been amended accordingly. Additionally, claims 21-23 now depend on claim 18 either directly or indirectly. Claim 24 has also been amended to include the limitation which makes claim 18 allowable, namely that the operating state corresponds to one of the loading state and the ejecting state; consequently, claim 25 now depends on that same allowable limitation. It should be noted that some of the claims have also been amended in order to improve their form and readability, but their substance remains unchanged. Applicants respectfully requests that claims 18-25 be entered in condition for allowance.

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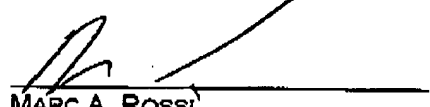
Conclusion

It should be noted that applicants do not concede the validity of the rejection of the claims and arguments set forth by the examiner. In order to expedite prosecution, however, applicants have amended the claims as set forth above.

Applicants submit that claims 18-25 are in condition for allowance. Should the examiner have any issues concerning this reply or any other outstanding issues remaining in this application, applicants urge the examiner to contact the undersigned to expedite prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,

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